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LETTER DATED 19 AUGUST 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the United States Air Force continues to violate Iraqi airspace. The details of the most recent violations are as follows:

1. During the period 17/18 August 1991, the United States Air Force conducted within Iraqi airspace 12 sorties, carried out by six formations of two aircraft each. These formations flew at speeds of 600 to 750 km/h at altitudes of 3,000 to 4,500 metres. The sorties, which were centred on the areas of Mosul, Arbil, Amadiyah, Dahuk, Rawanduz and north Tall-Afar, had the dual objective of observation and provocation.

2. During the same day, at 1140 hours, an unidentified aerial target violated Iraqi airspace in the region of Jabal Sanam. This aircraft, which was headed towards Artawiya, was flying at a speed of 600 km/h. It disappeared north of Artawiya at 1155 hours.

3. On the same day, at 1314 hours, an unidentified aerial target violated Iraqi airspace in the region of Jarishan, south of Artawiya. This aircraft, which was flying at a speed of 600 km/h, departed towards Kuwaiti airspace, where it disappeared at 1320 hours.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
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